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Lancaster County Election Commissioner and what he said when he came to the hearing. He said: I'd like to use an example, what happened here in Lancaster County in the fall of 2000. We had two school districts that wanted to have school bond elections prior to the November election. One school district had their election on September 19, while the other had their election on October 3. In one school district, it cost just over \$4,000 for my office to conduct that election. In the other instance, it cost the school district approximately \$5,200. Had each school district placed the issue on the statewide general election ballot, it would have cost them between \$600 and \$1,000. So as you can see, the cost would have been substantially less for the two school districts. In addition, more residents of that school district would have had the opportunity to vote on that issue had it been moved to the general election in November, where turnout was 71 percent, while turnout for the special school bond elections was less than 30 percent. So there's several reasons for adopting this kind of a policy. I would urge the advancement of LB 521.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 521 offered by Senator Schimek. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Schimek, there are no senators wishing to speak. Do you wish to close on your motion? She waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 521 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the motion to advance LB 521. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 521.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance LB 521 was successful. Mr. Clerk, next legislative bill.

CLERK: LB 349, Mr. President, by Senator Redfield. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.